



RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT	Application #	09/908,977
	Confirmation #	8051
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	First Inventor	ROQUES
	Art Unit	1654
	Examiner	Chism, Billy D.
	Docket #	P07290US00/BAS

Commissioner for Patents
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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 1, 2003, and without addressing the arguments of the Examiner, Applicants now elect Group I, Claims 1-6, and 14-15 for prosecution in the above application.

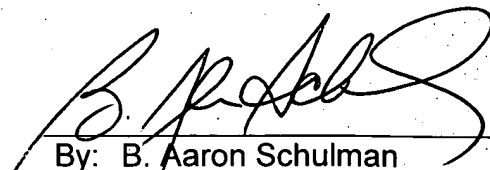
Further, for purposes of the search, and pursuant to the election requirement, Applicants elect the species of Example 6 (see page 20 and Table at page 23), namely:

N-[[(2S, 3R)- and (2R, 3R)-3-amino-2-mercapto-5-sulphonate]pentanoyl]-L-Ile. (3R) (3-COOH)Pro-OH.

Examination and allowance of the elected claims is thus respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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